Country	1998-99(P)	1999-2000(P)	2000-2001(P) (April-Dec.)
Hongkong	144	189	94
Singapore	28	4	3
Others	83	92	46
TOTAL	2824	6936	3521

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal under consideration to ban import of silk items.

Grants to National Institute of Fashion Technology

†4391. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of grants provided by Government to the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) during each of the last five years; and

(b) whether the accounts of the National Institute of Fashion Technology have been audited;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what are the criteria on which Government releases grants to the National Institute of Fashion Technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Details of grants-in-aid released from year 1996-97 to 2000-01 released to National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) are given in a Statement as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Year	Grant released		
		Plan	Non-Plan	Total
1.	1996-97	440.00	201.00	641.00
2.	1997-98	770.00	183.00	953.00
3.	1998-99	1099.00	183.00	1282.00
4.	1999-2000	1490.00	159.00	1649.00
5.	2000-01	2436.00	350.00	2786.00
	TOTAL	6235.00	1076.00	7311.00

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Besides NIFT was also given a sum of Rs. 15.50 crores out of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)/Bank Guarantee (BG) forfeiture Personal Deposit Account.

(b) and (c) The accounts of NIFT are being audited by the Principal Director of Audit, Economic & Service Ministries on behalf of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India. The audited accounts of NIFT are placed on the Table of Both the Houses of Parliament alongwith the Annual Report of NIFT detailing the performance of NIFT on various aspects. Accounts upto year 1999-2000 have been audited.

(d) NIFT prepares detailed action plan of activities every year. These proposals are considered by the Government. The Ministry of Textiles allocates funds and makes releases thereof after taking into account the overall funds availability and the inter-se priority between the various recipients and activities.

Closure of Spinning Mills in Assam

†4392. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such spinning mills of Assam State which have been closed after declaring them as sick during the last three years;

(b) what are the main reasons of closing down the said mills; and

(c) the details of concrete steps taken to revive those mills and open new mills in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) During

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